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SUBJECT: GROUND FISH OBSERVER PROGRAM

1. INPFC CLOSED-AREA EXPERIMENTAL TRAWLING PROGRAM IS IN ADDITION UNDERLINE IN ADDITION TO EXISTING OBSERVER PROGRAMS INVOLVING GOJ MOTHERSHIPS AND TRAWLERS IN THE BERING SEA AND GULF OF ALASKA.

2. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS NMFS NORTHWEST FISHERIES CENTER HAS ALREADY COMMUNICATED WITH REGFISHATT CONCERNING GOJ REQUEST THAT OBSERVERS BE TRANSFERRED BY U.S. CARRIER WHILE GOJ VESSEL IS OUTSIDE DUTCH HARBOR. NMFS HAS PROPOSED TRANSFER OF U.S. OBSERVERS NEAR THE FUEL DOCK AT DUTCH HARBOR AT 53 DEGREES, 53 MINUTES, 44 SECONDS NORTH LATITUDE. DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING CLEARANCE FOR TRANSFER. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON ETA OF GOJ VESSEL AT TRANSFER POINT.

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3. CONCERNING PARA 3 REFTTEL RECENT INFORMATION FROM NMFS

IS THAT TWO U.S. OBSERVERS ARE PREPARED TO GO ABOARD
GOJ TRAWLERS IN EARLY JANUARY. ONE OF THESE OBSERVERS
COULD BE TRANSFERRED AT SEA TO VESSEL SCHEDULED FOR
FEBRUARY EXPERIMENTAL FISHERY AS REQUESTED BY GOJ. THE
SECOND OBSERVER WOULD RETURN TO THE U.S. IN LATE JANUARY
VIA SAME TRANSFER POINT NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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